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Executive Summary

2016 Council Priorities On March 18th the City Council held a priority workshop where they reviewed the existing Council Priorities for 2015 and established priorities for 2016. For 2016 the Council reconfirmed a number of priorities and identified 4 specific priorities to be focused on for the next 1 or 2 years. The top priorities identified by the Council are:

1. ***Economic Development, Downtown Revitalization and Advance Planning***

This priority includes:

- 2035 General Plan Update
- Belmont Village Specific Plan
- Economic Development
- Advancement of Affordable Housing Program

2. ***Capital Financing Plan for Infrastructure***

This priority includes developing a long-term financing plan for Sewer, Storm, Streets, Facilities and Parks.

3. ***Ralston Corridor Study and Improvements***

This priority includes developing a funding strategy for improving Ralston Ave. to address traffic safety concerns and to optimize the corridor for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorized vehicles.

4. ***Park and Recreation Improvements (Facilities and Parks)***

This priority includes:

- Athletic Field Improvements
- Davey Glen Park Design and Development

The Council also identified a number of Policies that they want to work on in the coming year and they are included in the 2016 Council Priorities attached toward the end of this document. Here's a link to the Priorities on the City's website: [Council Priorities](#)

Fourth Quarter 2014 Sales Tax Results

The City's revenue consultant, MuniServices, has provided preliminary sales tax results for the fourth quarter of 2014. Specifically, the City's sales tax receipts decreased -0.5%, while the State and San Mateo County both increased by 4.5% and 3.1%, respectively, over the same quarter last year. While this quarter's result is discouraging for Belmont, the City is not alone, as several neighboring cities have also experienced decreases (San Mateo, San Bruno, Menlo Park and East Palo Alto). At this point, no details have been published.

Belmont Successor Agency – DOF Approval of Oversight Board Action

Recently, staff received a letter from the Department of Finance stating that they have completed their review of the Oversight Board's action to approve the Public Improvement Agreement between the City and the Successor Agency. The Successor Agency can now use the proceeds (approximately \$325K) from former RDA bonds issued prior to January 1, 2011. These bond proceeds will be recorded on the Agency's Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS).

2035 General Plan Update



- Last week the City Council and Planning Commission held a joint study session on the General Plan Update Project.
- The staff/consultant project team is grateful for the Council and Commission's thoughtful input and their affirmation that the GP Project - at this stage - is on the right track.
- Working Papers have been completed and have been posted on the Project [website](#).
- Newsletter #2 along with a community-wide survey was delivered last week; as of March 26th there have been over 500 responses mailed in. Deadline for mail-in is April 3rd.
- Look for a Mid-May community open house date soon – this will be a first look at a draft "preferred plan" and key strategies for the General Plan.
- An additional study session with the Planning Commission on the preferred plan is pending – target is the June 2nd Commission meeting.
- The City's request for authorization to proceed with the grant-funded Belmont Village Specific Plan, a tandem project with the General Plan, is being processed by Caltrans. The City expects approval in April and project start-up in May.

Up Coming Events

"State of the City Address"

The Belmont Chamber of Commerce presents the "State of the City Address" provided by:

Mayor, David Braunstein
Friday March 27th from 7-9 pm.
Barrett Community Center, 1835 Belburn Drive

"Belmont Breakfast Speakers"

"Belmont Breakfast Speakers" sponsored by the Belmont Chamber of Commerce will be held Wednesday, April 1st at Café Bliss. The no host breakfast begins at 7:30 am with a presentation by City Clerk, Terri Cook followed by a question and answer session.

"Your Voice...Your Belmont"

The City's public outreach efforts continue, as staff works with a Council Sub-committee to engage the community in a conversation on local service needs in Belmont. Throughout March, updates on the City's efforts have been presented at various PTA and HOA meetings, the Senior Center, and BRS and AYSO sporting events. Staff is working on scheduling upcoming neighborhood coffees to keep the community informed on these efforts.

Do you have an upcoming meeting you'd like us to attend? Please call (650) 595-7408 to schedule a brief presentation. All community members are encouraged to continue contributing feedback on their top priorities for Belmont by taking part in our Community Survey – **"Your Voice...Your Belmont"**, available online at www.belmont.gov/survey.

Join the Community Conversation

WHAT ARE YOUR PRIORITIES FOR LOCAL SERVICES?



MAINTAIN LOCAL SERVICES

The City is working to maintain local services as Sacramento continues to find new ways to take our local funds. Over the last 20 years, the State has taken \$15.5 million from the City of Belmont.

This has left us with repairs and improvements for our roads, storm drains, parks and more that Belmont cannot address.

Over the coming months, we will be engaging residents in a Community Conversation on your perspectives regarding local service needs. The most important input into this process comes from YOU! Please help us by clicking the link to take our [Community Survey](http://www.belmont.gov/survey) today.

Take our Community Survey!

www.belmont.gov/survey

Tell us services you want to protect, maintain or improve.

Contact Jozi Plut at (650) 595-7408 with any questions.



Volunteers Help in Search for Missing Woman

On Monday, March 16th Belmont PD received a call of a woman with dementia who was missing from a local care facility. A full scale search was launched, which included assistance from the SMC Sheriff's Search & Rescue and Air Units and the activation of a "Silver Alert" through CHP. A command and call center was set up in the City EOC and with the call center staffed by volunteers from Belmont

CERT and the South County Armature Radio Emergency Service. The woman was found unharmed early Tuesday and reunited with family. The success of this incident was in large part to the volunteer assistance we received.



City of Belmont Council Priorities

FY 2016

MARCH 18, 2015

TOP PRIORITIES**➤ ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION AND ADVANCE PLANNING**

- **2035 GENERAL PLAN UPDATE**
An extensive multi-year effort is underway that will update all Belmont General Plan Policies and Elements. (CD)
- **BELMONT VILLAGE SPECIFIC PLAN**
This complementary effort to the General Plan update includes preparation of a focused development plan and implementation standards for properties within the key downtown revitalization priority development area, consisting of approximately 80 acres surrounding the Caltrain Station at the intersection of El Camino Real and Ralston Avenue. (CD)
- **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**
Identify opportunities to implement economic development projects within the City's priority development area. (FN)
- **ADVANCEMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM**
conduct a housing program that implements the housing element, develops affordable housing impact fees, leverages the existing affordable housing assets owned by the city and examines the potential for creating workforce housing. (FN)

➤ RALSTON AVENUE CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

- Develop a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and funding/schedule strategy for Ralston Avenue based on the 2014 Council adopted comprehensive corridor plan which examined the general levels of traffic for both existing and future conditions, traffic safety issues and the adequacy of transit and non-motorized transportation modes in the corridor to optimize its use for pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle use (Share the Roads Policy), and the adequacy of major intersections and traffic signals.

➤ FINANCING PLAN FOR INFRASTRUCTURE & SERVICES

- Develop alternatives for long-term capital financing of Sewer, Storm, Streets, Facilities, and Parks to address deferred maintenance and future capital needs along with a plan to support critical public services. (FN)

➤ PARK AND RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS (FACILITIES AND PARKS)

- **ATHLETIC FIELD IMPROVEMENTS**
Advance the Sports Complex Synthetic Turf Project and other athletic field improvements on property owned by the City. (P&R)
- **DAVEY GLEN PARK DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT**
Complete the design and begin construction of unimproved park site on Davey Glen Road. (P&R)



City of Belmont Council Policy Modifications

FY 2016

MARCH 18, 2015

POLICY MODIFICATIONS**(Improve Organizational Efficiency and Effectiveness)****COUNCIL PROTOCOLS & POLICIES**

- Update the existing Council Protocols & Policies to better reflect the Council's current practice and to eliminate unnecessary restrictions (CM)

OPEN SPACE PLANNING

- Develop criteria for the acquisition and acceptance of public open space, including an inventory of properties and analysis of acquisition strategies. (P&R)

SHARED ECONOMY IMPACTS

- Review the current state of regulations for emerging businesses which utilize the new shared economy (e.g. Uber, Airbnb, Lyft, etc.) (CM)

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

- Update the campaign finance rules to comply with current law (CC)

PURCHASING POLICIES

- Update the purchasing policies to allow for improved efficiency of the organization (FIN)

TREE ORDINANCE

- Consider modifying tree removal fees and species that are protected (CD/P&R)

SIGN ORDINANCE

- Consider modifying limitations on portable signs and amount of commercial signage (CD)

ZONING ORDINANCE FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

- Consider modifications to discretionary design review thresholds, residential parking requirements and limitations on maximum square footage for single family dwellings (CD)

ELECTRONIC CIGARETTE REGULATIONS

- Consider regulations of E-Cigarettes (CA)

YOUTH COUNCIL

- Consider options for establishing a City of Belmont Youth Council (PR)

UPDATE WIRELESS REGULATIONS

- Consider modifications to existing wireless regulations to conform with state and federal law (CD/CA)

COMMISSION TRAINING

- Establish a commission orientation/on-boarding program (CM)

ELECTED CITY CLERK AND CITY TREASURER

- Consider the potential implications associated with moving from elected City Clerk and Treasurer to appointed positions (CM)

FIRE FACILITY AND APPARATUS INFRASTRUCTURE

- Draft for consideration a lifecycle plan (timing and cost) for prudent replacement of fire facilities (stations) and fire apparatus (FD)

NON-PROFIT BELMONT PARKS FOUNDATION

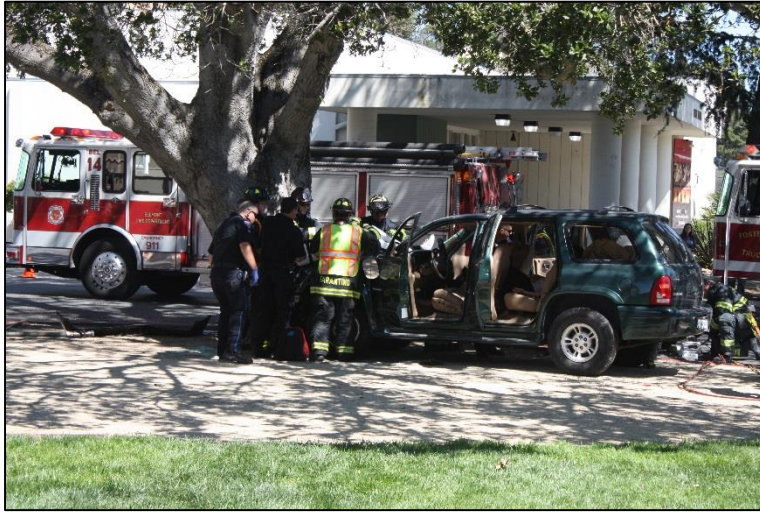
- Support the creation of a non-profit Belmont Parks Foundation to fundraise and advocate for Parks improvements (P&R)

CITY'S COMMUNICATION/PUBLIC INFORMATION & SOCIAL MEDIA

- Improve civic engagement through the use of technology and a coordinated public information effort (CM)

BARRETT – MASTER PLANNING EFFORT

- Establish a City Council sub-committee to evaluate the steps required to develop a master plan for the Barrett Community Center property (P&R)

Belmont Police Department Sober Prom

On Thursday and Friday, Belmont PD held a Sober Prom Anti-DUI Educational Event for the students at Notre Dame High School. The annual event, which alternates between Notre Dame & Carlmont High Schools, involves a simulated student-involved DUI collision staged for the student body and concludes with a school assembly in the form of a memorial for those who “died” in the collision.

It is a powerful and moving event and is done to help reinforce the message that the students are responsible for the choices they make in life, particularly involving drinking and driving. The entire event is filmed and the finished video will be posted on the [Belmont Public Safety Youtube Channel](#).



Belmont Fire Protection District's Vegetation Management Program



The goal of the Belmont Fire Protection District's Vegetation Management Program is to reduce potential fire hazards within the wildland-urban interface (WUI) areas of Belmont due to the accumulation of weeds, dry vegetation and/or rubbish. The program works in conjunction with the California Fire and Building Codes.

What Does the Law Say?

California Government Code 51182 requires that any person that owns, leases, controls, operates, or maintains an occupied dwelling or structure in, upon, or adjoining any land covered with flammable material designated as a very high fire hazard severity zone (VHFHSZ) shall at all times maintain 100 feet of defensible space.

Belmont Municipal Code Section 7-401 classifies nuisances (in part) as follows:

Property where: Overgrown vegetation; dead, decayed, diseased, or hazardous trees, firewood; weeds and other vegetation is likely to harbor rats, vermin or nuisances or may be a fire hazard.

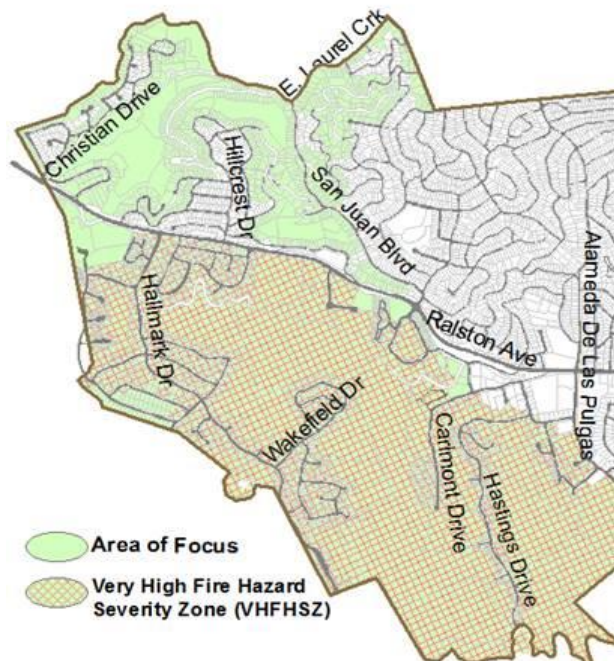
California Building Code Requirements

All new buildings in the WUI area that apply for permits after July 1, 2008 must follow the code requirements found in Chapter 7A of the California Building Code.

In addition to vegetation management, the buildings must be constructed of ignition-resistant materials and methods. Examples include a stucco exterior, sealed eaves, and Class A, fire rated roofs. Contact the Building Division at (650) 595-7422 for additional information.

Understanding the Threat

Fire season is now a year-round reality in many areas in California and the Bay Area, requiring firefighters and residents to be on heightened alert for the threat of wildfire throughout the year. The Belmont Fire Protection District takes every precaution to help protect you and your property from wildfire. However, the reality is that in a major wildfire, there are simply not enough fire engines or firefighters to defend every home.



If you live next to a natural area, the wildland urban interface (WUI), you must provide firefighters with the defensible space they need to protect your home. The buffer zone you create by removing weeds, brush and other vegetation helps to keep the fire away from your home and reduces the risks from flying embers. Two zones make up the required 100 feet of defensible space.

Defensible Space

Defensible space is the buffer you create between a building on your property and the grass, trees, shrubs or any wildland area that surrounds it.

Zone 1– extends 30 feet from buildings, structures, decks, etc.

- Remove dead plants, grass, and weeds (vegetation).
- Remove dead or dry leaves and pine needles from your yard, roof and rain gutters.
- Trim trees regularly to keep branches a minimum of 10 feet away from your chimney.
- Relocate wood piles to Zone 2.
- Remove or prune flammable plants and shrubs near windows.
- Remove vegetation and items that could catch fire from around and under decks.
- Create a separation between trees, shrubs and items that could catch fire, such as patio furniture, swing sets etc...

Zone 2– extends an additional 70 feet from Zone 1.

- Cut or mow annual grass down to a maximum height of 3 inches.
- Create horizontal spacing between shrubs & trees.
- Create vertical spacing between grass, shrubs & trees.
- Remove fallen leaves, needles, twigs, bark, cones, and small branches. However, they may be permitted to a depth of 3 inches if erosion control is an issue.



***Call us with questions or to schedule a free home wildfire risk reduction assessment
650-595-7492***

Use this checklist to keep your home safer from wildfires.

- Clear leaves, needles and other debris from gutters, eaves, porches and decks. This prevents embers from igniting your home.
- Remove dead vegetation from under your deck and within 10 feet from your home.
- Trim weeds and grasses to 3 inches maximum.
- Clear combustible weeds, debris or growth 3 feet from edge of roadways and 15 feet vertical height.
- Keep roofs and chimneys 10 feet clear from overhanging trees and branches.
- Prune or “limb up” trees so that the lowest branches are 6-10 feet from the ground.
- Reduce “fire fuel laddering” by pruning to separate bushes from trees and bushes from each other. Prune bushes away from windows and other openings to the home.
- Stack combustible materials away from sides of home by at least 15 feet.
- For parcels over 3 acres, provide 30 foot firebreaks & crossbreaks.
- Watch for regrowth-properties must be maintained.



Streets Division

Marked out 5 Underground Service Alerts

- Filled 11 potholes in front of 1101 Shoreway Road
- Marked out 5 Underground Service Alerts
- Filled 1 pothole in front of 2602 Carmelita Avenue
- Sawcut locations on Arden Lane, Meadow Park Circle, and Ponce Avenue for upcoming street repairs
- Cleaned storm pump station lids with metal prep
- Painted Harbor and Ralston Storm wet well lids with safety yellow non-skid epoxy paint
- Replaced missing 2-Hour Parking sign on Masonic Way
- Prepped old hardware from speed hump and assisted in reinstalling the speed hump on North Road
- Assisted with repair of a street light at Davis Drive
- Assisted with removing street lights at 18 Phyllis Court, 1240 Alameda de las Pulgas, 2605 Hallmark Drive, and 1 pole on Davey Glen Road

Traffic Operations

- Weekly visual inspections for preventative maintenance of intersections
- Visual inspection of lighted crosswalks
- Banners – 1 down; 1 up
- Manufactured 8 new signs
- Installed 1 sign
- Painted over graffiti in 1 location
- Responded to and corrected traffic signal malfunction (Hallmark & Ralston)
- Assisted with paving on Vine & Arbor
- Manufactured 18 magnetic Belmont Public Works promotional stickers
- Removed 4 severely corroded street light poles
- Repaired 4 street lights
- Refurbished 5 cobra heads
- Re-lamped 16 bike bridge lights
- Completed background checks to supervise County "Work Furlough" program crews
- Installed speed hump on North Road
- Painted Access hatches for the wet wells at Harbor Storm and Ralston Storm pump stations

Sewer Division

- Inspected and cleaned 11 sewer pump stations
- The service truck (205) responded to 9 service calls
- Videoed 713 feet of sewer main/lateral
- Checked and emptied 8 city garbage cans throughout the city
- Staff member attended the "Lead Worker Academy" training class
- Cleaned flushable wipes from debris catcher in Ralston Ranch Pump Station
(Pictured below)

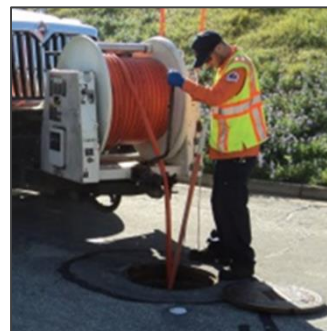


Before- Ralston Ranch debris catcher



After- Ralston Ranch debris catcher

- Jetted (hydro cleaned) 7,386 feet of sewer main (Pictured below)



Sewer crew hydro cleaning the City sewer mains



- Cleaned check valves at North Road Sewer Pump Station (Pictured below)
- Cleaned check valves at North Road Sewer Pump Station (Pictured below)



Staff inspecting check valve Before- Pump 1 North Road check valve



After-Pump 1 North Road



Before- Pump 2 North Road check valve



After- Pump 2 North Road check valve

City-Wide Sanitary Sewer Root Foaming Maintenance Rescheduled for Thursday April 9th

In an ongoing effort to conduct preventative maintenance on the City's sanitary sewer mains, 50,000 feet of sewer main throughout the city will be treated with root foam starting Thursday, April 9th. Root control is an important element of an effective overall strategy to maintain sewer systems. Dukes Root Foaming (City's contractor) will be conducting the root foaming and is anticipated to be complete within three weeks.

Dukes Root Control staff will place door hangers the week prior to work, and notification will be posted to Nextdoor.com to inform residents of upcoming treatment. Dukes Root Foaming will notify residents if they need access to an easement on their property. If residents have any questions, they may contact the Public Works Department at (650) 595-7425.

Storm Division

- Performed weekly inspection of Water Dog Lake roadway, dam, v-ditch, and dock
- Swept 151 miles of curb resulting in the acquisition of 10.55 tons of debris
- Inspected and cleaned Harbor Storm Pump Station and Ralston Storm Pump Station
- Attended County wide Municipal maintenance Sub-Committee meeting
- Performed Illicit discharge inspections at 4 sites per Municipal Regional Permit requirements (*Pictured below*)



Ralston/Hiller site near Bike Bridge



Water Dog Lake site



Harbor/El Camino site



Alameda/Covington site

- Completed on land trash cleanup in 3 different zones along Ralston Avenue: Continentals to Hallmark Drive, Lyall Way, Shoreway, and Merry Moppet (*Pictured below*)



Trash cleaned from the 3 zones on Ralston



Trash collected near Merry Moppet



Mattress near Merry Moppet

Did you know?

Belmont residents have the twice-annual bulky collection and are encouraged to use the service, and offered at no additional charge.

For single family homes, contact Recology at 650-595-3900 or visit their [single family bulky item](#) page to schedule a pick-up.

For multi-unit complexes, please contact your owner or property manager to schedule a pickup.

For additional information, please visit Recology's [multi-family bulky item](#) pickup page.

Water Dog Lake Spillway Gate Closure

The Public Works Maintenance Staff will close the gates at water dog lake spillway on April 1st. The Department of Water Resources Division of Dams required the spillway gates to remain in the fully open position from November 1st through April 1st. Water releases allowed the rain water to be released in a measured way due to rain events, and were necessary during the rainy season to reduce possible flooding from the lake.



2015

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION!

Saturday, April 25th 9am-Noon

@ Twin Pines Park

One Twin Pines Lane, Belmont

Document Shredding

3 file boxes per household

**Storm Water
Pollution Prevention**

Compost Giveaway

Exhibits & Displays

E-Waste Recycling

**Household
Battery Drop-off**

Book recycling

Book Mobile accepting
gently used books

Fluorescent Tube

CFL Drop-off

Limit 5 tubes per household

Fun, Prizes and More!

Thanks to our partners, many activities and resources will be available to the community during this event. Be sure to mark the date on your calendar and take advantage of the planned activities. For more information, call 595-7425.



Beekeepers Guild
of San Mateo County



*Sacco-Belli
Studios*



Parks and Recreation

Davey Glen Park Moving Forward!



At Tuesday night's meeting, City Council approved the final design for Davey Glen Park. The design includes the playground area with a fun playground structure. The Parks and Recreation Department is moving forward with the construction documents and is planning on getting the project ready for bid by the end of 2015 with construction starting in early 2016. The project will deliver a much needed park to the Central neighborhood and complete the planning that began over 20 years ago when the land was set aside for a park. It is truly exciting to see the project move forward and the City looks forward to delivering a new gathering place to the community.





Getting Ready for Baseball Season at the Complex

This week preparations were underway for the season opening of the North Field at the Island Park Sports Complex. The field closure gives parks maintenance staff an opportunity to make necessary repairs and renovations to the field turf and irrigation system. Final opening preparations were underway as Babe Ruth and Colt baseball prepare to take the field.

Multiple Downed Trees Cleared



In addition to the more routine tasks, parks maintenance staff also responded to multiple downed tree calls this week. These calls were along the Ralston corridor near Hallmark Drive and along Lyall Way near Lake Road. The primary goal is to clear the roadways for safe use and to then remove the remaining tree branches.



Egg Adventure Hunt



Saturday, April 4th

Free bounce
houses, games
and
refreshments

9 a.m. SHARP!

TWIN PINES PARK
30 TWIN PINES LANE

Ages 3-10, arrive early,
bring your basket and take
a picture with the bunny!

Summer Kick-Off!
Free demos, camp
info and more!

"Enhancing the quality of life for the community"



Summer Activity Guide

The summer activity guide is nearly here! The guide will be out and mailed to residents the week of April 1st, so keep your eyes open for it. We have many new programs for youth and adults, including new camps for kids - basketball, robotics, Lego Minecraft, chess, cooking camps, and much more!

Registration opens for all classes and camps April 1st online and in person. We also have an interactive flipbook guide. By clicking on this link [Summer 2015 Activity guide flipbook](#), you can see all the details by viewing the guide and clicking on the link to the specific class you're interested in.

We look forward to seeing many of you in our activities this summer, and serving our community well.



Save the Date

San Mateo County

★ **11th Annual** ★

**DISASTER
PREPAREDNESS DAY**

Saturday, June 6, 2015

**10AM-2PM, San Mateo County Event Center
1346 Saratoga Avenue, San Mateo**

**Arrive BEFORE 11am for FREE Parking &
FREE Admission to the County Fair!**

**First-Aid, Police, Fire, Emergency Medical Services
and Equipment Demonstrations**

★ Learn How to Put Together a Disaster Plan and Emergency Kit! ★

For more information:

Office of Emergency Services at (650) 363-4790

Office of Supervisor Adrienne J. Tissier (650) 363-4572



SMCAAlert.info
San Mateo County's Community Alert System



Ralston Middle School & San Carlos Children's Theater present the musical **"Beauty and the Beast, Jr."**



Director: Eron Block. Choreographer: Daina Block. Music Director: Susie Jimenez.

Cast and Crew

All actors are students of Ralston Middle School! Also, Ralston students will be operating the lights and sound, and working backstage. Be entertained while supporting the students!

Story

This musical tells the story of Belle, a young woman in a provincial town, and the Beast, who is really a young prince trapped under the spell of an enchantress. If the Beast can learn to love and be loved, the curse will end and he will be transformed to his former self. But time is running out. If the Beast does not learn his lesson soon, he and his household will be doomed for all eternity!

Performance Dates

Friday March 27 at 7:00 PM

Saturday March 28 at 7:00 PM

Sunday March 29 at 1:00 PM

Venue

McKinley Auditorium
400 Duane Street
Redwood City, CA 94062

Tickets and Info

Tickets \$10 / person.

Tickets at <http://www.scctkids.com/beauty-and-the-beast-jr-ralston-middle-school/>



Editors' Note: Please see update in red below.

Construction, Installation and Maintenance: March 28 to April 3, 2015

Construction

San Mateo Bridges Replacement Project

**** In general, all weekday construction activity will occur between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Monday through Friday. There is no night or weekend work scheduled at this time. Neighbors may experience construction noise during this time. We apologize for the inconvenience.***

Monday, March 30, to Friday, April 3, crews will continue constructing a temporary access road using prefabricated concrete blocks to access work areas where retaining walls are to be installed. The access road is being used to install soldier piles and precast concrete panels for retaining walls, and for drilling underground to relocate fiber optic conduit off existing structures. Crews will also begin backfilling the retaining wall. All of this work will be on Caltrain property west and east of the railroad tracks between Monte Diablo and Bellevue Avenues.

The contractor will access the work site to construct the temporary access road from Bellevue Avenue at the grade crossing. Residents can expect increased traffic volumes during construction hours due to delivery of equipment and materials and restricted parking adjacent to the grade crossing. Residents are advised to use alternate routes to cross the railroad when possible.

During this time, the contractor will begin installing soldier piles for the retaining wall at North Railroad Avenue east of the railroad tracks between Monte Diablo and Tilton Avenues. No through traffic will be allowed along North Railroad Avenue on the east side of the railroad tracks between Monte Diablo and Tilton Avenues, but limited access will be maintained for residents during construction hours. Residents will experience delays at this location during this time.

Also during this time, the contractor will install micropiles adjacent to the existing bridge structure at street level along Tilton and Monte Diablo Avenues at the railroad undercrossing. These micropiles will be installed on the northern side of each street. The contractor will also remove a portion of the sidewalk and street to install footings and abutments, and place ballast retainers in the work zone. Temporary restoration methods will be used where work has been completed on the southern side of the street.

There will be reduced access through these areas during construction hours. Residents may experience delays during this time. Sidewalks on the northern side of the streets at each location will remain closed to public use at all times; pedestrians are advised to travel along the southern sidewalks when walking through these locations.

There will be utility companies temporarily relocating overhead utilities conflicting with the bridge replacement work starting at Tilton, Monte Diablo, Santa Inez and Poplar Avenues, and along Railroad Avenue. All construction activities at these locations will be coordinated by Caltrain; there will be reduced access through these areas during construction hours. Residents may experience delays at this time.

Please be aware that Caltrain will not tolerate residents throwing debris and other garbage over their fence littering Caltrain's property. Any residents found doing this will be reported to the appropriate agency.

Background

Caltrain, in cooperation with the City of San Mateo, is preparing to replace the four 100-year-old rail bridges located at Tilton, Monte Diablo, Santa Inez and Poplar Avenues, which no longer meet current seismic safety standards.

The project will ensure that the aging bridges are safe and equipped to meet the region's future transportation needs, including new electrified rail service, and improved traffic flow on city streets. The project is expected to be complete by May 2016.

For more information, please call the dedicated outreach line at 650.508.7726; visit the website at www.caltrain.com/smbridges and subscribe to the page for project updates or email smbridges@caltrain.com.

Community Calendars

Twin Pines Community Center

Twin Pines Senior & Community Center ~ March 2015 ~					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
2 9:30 Bread Program 9:30 Video Aerobics 9:30 Italian Chat 10:00 Spanish Chat 1:00 Book Club (S) 1:00 Beat Arthritis (R) 2:00 French Chat 2:00 Sit N' Be Fit Video	3 9:00 Mindful Meditation 9:30 Walking Group 10:00 Matter of Balance (S) 10:00 English Class 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:00 Canasta 12:15 Classic Movie 12:30 Needlecrafts Group	4 8:45 Strength Training 9:30 Bread Program 9:30 Video Aerobics 10:00 Computer Tutor (S) 10:00 Spanish Class 10:30 Zumba Gold (R) 11:30 German Class 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:15 New Movie 12:30 Pinochle/Hearts 2:30 Stories from the Road (S)	5 9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Canasta 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:15 Wii Bowling 12:30 Bridge 1:00 Art Group	6 9:30 Chair Yoga 10:40 Mandarin Conversation 1:00 Go 4 Life Fitness Video 1:00 BINGO	
9 9:30 Bread Program 9:30 Video Aerobics 9:30 Italian Chat 10:00 Ukulele Sing Along 10:00 Spanish Chat 1:00 Beat Arthritis (R) 2:00 French Chat 2:00 Sit N' Be Fit Video	10 9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Gentle Tai Chi (S) 10:00 Matter of Balance (S) 10:00 English Class 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:00 Canasta 12:15 Foreign Film 12:30 Needlecrafts Group	11 8:45 Strength Training 9:30 Bread Program 9:30 Video Aerobics 10:00 Computer Tutor (S) 10:00 Spanish Class 10:30 Zumba Gold (R) 11:30 German Class 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:15 New Movie 12:30 Pinochle/Hearts	12 9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Canasta 11:30 Birthday Lunch (S) 12:15 Wii Bowling 12:30 Bridge 1:00 Art Group	13 9:30 Chair Yoga 10:40 Mandarin Conversation 1:00 Go 4 Life Fitness Video 1:30 Ping Pong! 1:30 Mahjong	
16 9:30 Bread Program 9:30 Video Aerobics 9:30 Italian Chat 10:00 Spanish Chat 1:00 Beat Arthritis (R) 2:00 French Chat 2:00 Sit N' Be Fit Video	17 8:30 Blood Pressure Clinic 9:30 Bread Program 9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Gentle Tai Chi (S) 10:00 Senior Club Meeting 10:00 English Class 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:00 Canasta 12:15 Classic Movie 12:30 Needlecrafts Group	18 8:45 Strength Training 9:30 Bread Program 9:30 Video Aerobics 10:00 Computer Tutor (S) 10:00 Spanish Class 10:30 Zumba Gold (R) 11:30 German Class 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:15 New Movie 12:30 Pinochle/Hearts	19 9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Canasta 11:30 Spring Training Lunch (S) 12:15 Wii Bowling 12:30 Bridge 1:00 Art Group	20 9:30 Chair Yoga 10:40 Mandarin Conversation 1:00 Go 4 Life Fitness Video 1:00 BINGO	
23 9:30 Bread Program 9:30 Video Aerobics 9:30 Italian Chat 10:00 Spanish Chat 10:00 Opinion Exchange w/ Jim Dunbar 10:00 Stamp Collectors 2:00 French Chat 2:00 Sit N' Be Fit Video	24 9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Gentle Tai Chi (S) 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:00 Canasta 12:15 Foreign Film 12:30 Needlecrafts Group 3:00 Senior Advisory Meeting	25 8:45 Strength Training 9:30 Bread Program 9:30 Video Aerobics 10:00 Computer Tutor (S) 10:00 Spanish Class 10:30 Zumba Gold (R) 11:30 German Class 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:15 New Movie 12:30 Pinochle/Hearts	26 9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Canasta 10:00 Meet Your Librarians! 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:15 Wii Bowling 12:30 Bridge 12:30 New! Village Info Session 1:00 Art Group	27 9:30 Chair Yoga 10:40 Mandarin Conversation 1:00 Go 4 Life Fitness Video 1:30 Ping Pong! 1:30 Mahjong	
30 9:30 Bread Program 9:30 Video Aerobics 9:30 Italian Chat 10:00 Spanish Chat 1:00 Beat Arthritis (R) 2:00 French Chat 2:00 Sit N' Be Fit Video	31 9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Gentle Tai Chi (S) 10:00 Matter of Balance (S) 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:00 Canasta 12:15 Classic Movie 12:30 Needlecrafts Group	<p><i>*Some activities require Signing up (S), some require Registration with Parks & Recreation (R), some are drop-in</i></p> <p><i>*Activities are subject to change. Please call 595-7444 to confirm.</i></p>			

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 April 2015							At the Belmont Library	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
 Belmont Library <small>A SAN MATEO COUNTY LIBRARY</small> <small>1110 Alameda de las Pulgas, Belmont CA 94002 • 650.591.8286 • www.smcl.org</small>  http://www.facebook.com/smclbelmont			1 * 10:30a Computer Basics * 11:00a Dancing Feet, Stories and Craft * 2:00p Block Party * 3:30p Teen Gaming * 6:30p Needles & Hooks Club * 7:00p Vered's Music * 7:00p 1st Wed. Bk Grp : <i>Dream of the Celt</i> by Mario Vargas Llosa	2 * 10:30a Toddler ST * 3:30p Imagination Playground 	3 * 10:30a Pres. ST * 11:15a Russian ST * 4:00p Science Club * 7:00p First Friday Flicks: Big Hero 6 (PG, 102 min)	4 * 10:30a Ukulele ST * 11:00a Imagination Playground * 3:00p Marcus Shelby Jazz Performance 		
5 LIBRARY CLOSED 	6 * 10:30a Baby Storytime * 3:30p Lego Club * 3:30p Joy of Baking for Teens	7 * 10:30a Musical ST * 11:00a Imagination Playground * 3:30p Kids' Craft Club * 7:00p Lawyers in the Library 	8 * 10:30a Computer Coach * 11:00a Dancing Feet, Stories and Craft * 12:00p Suspense at High Noon: With Cara Black, Rhys Bowen and Henry Chang * 3:30p Teen Gaming * 6:30p Needles & Hooks Club * 7:00p Pajama Storytime	9 * 10:30a Toddler ST * 2:00p Mystery Bk Grp: <i>The Tenth Witness</i> by Colleen McCullough * 3:30p Imagination Playground * 6:30p Pub Trivia Night	10 * 10:30a Naturalist Storytime * 11:15a Russian ST * 1:00p Yoga for Families * 4:00p Science Club 	11 * 10:00a Aging in Place * 10:30a Family Storytime * 11:00a Imagination Play * 11:00a Drop in Games * 3:00p Author Visit: Patricia Bracewell and C.W. Gortner		
12 * 3:00p Docent Lecture: Botticelli to Braque	13 * 10:30a Baby Storytime * 3:30p Lego Club * 3:30p Healthy Teen Cooking Class	14 * 10:30a Musical ST * 11:00a Imagination Playground * 3:30p Kids' Craft Club * 7:00p Film Series: <i>Capturing Reality: The Art of Documentary</i>	15 * 10:30a Beginning Microsoft Word * 11:00a Dancing Feet, Stories and Craft * 3:30p Teen Gaming * 6:30p Needles & Hooks Club * 7:00p Pajama Storytime 	16 * 10:30a Toddler ST * 3:30p Imagination Playground	17 * 10:30a Pres. ST * 11:15a Russian ST * 4:00p Science Club	18 * 10:30a Ukulele ST * 11:00a Imagination Playground * 2:00p Chopped Crafts		
19	20 * 10:30a Baby ST * 12:00p Senior Health Talk: Sleeping and Aging * 3:30p Lego Club * 3:30p Imagination Play	21 * 10:30a Musical ST * 11:00a Imagination Playground * 3:30p Kids' Craft Club * 6:30p Paws for Tales * 7:00p Teens and Money: Tips	22 * 10:30a Computer Coach * 11:00a Dancing Feet, Stories and Craft * 3:30p Teen Gaming * 6:30p Needles & Hooks Club * 7:00p Pajama Storytime	23 * 10:30a Toddler ST * 3:30p Imagination Playground	24 * 10:30a Pres. ST * 11:00a Sensory Play * 11:15a Russian ST * 4:00p Science Club * 7:00p Film: <i>Waking Ned Divine</i>	25 * 10:30a Family ST * 11:00a Imagination Playground * Portable Planetarium: Sign Up!		
26 	27 * 10:30a Baby ST * 3:30p Lego Club * 3:30p Teen Poetry Party * 5:00p Join us @ Food Trucks—Belmont Station	28 * 10:30a Musical ST * 11:00a Imagination Playground * 3:30p Kids' Craft Club * 7:00p Now We're Cooking! Adult Cooking Classes with Laura Stec: Lessons in Dairy	29 * 10:30a Computer Coach * 11:00a Dancing Feet, Stories and Craft * 3:30p Teen Gaming * 6:30p Needles & Hooks Club * 7:00p Pajama Storytime * 7:00p Computer Class: Skype	30 * 10:30a Toddler ST * 3:30p Imagination Play * 3:30p Teen Bk Grp: Free Read! * 7:00p Community Poetry Celebration	<div> KEY Red: Children's/Family Green: Teen Black: Adult Blue: All Ages </div>			